

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

YESTERDAY.

Confederate Memorial Literary Society in Confederate Museum at 11 A. M.
Mr. Melville A. Martin's address to Sunday school teachers of the Second Baptist Church at 7 P. M.

TO-DAY.

Holy Thursday.

C. M. L. S. Meets.

The Confederate Memorial Literary Society held its regular monthly meeting yesterday morning at the Confederate Museum. Mrs. Alfred Gray presided.

The house committee reported that Miss Susie Harrison had been appointed to assist the house agent, Miss Isabel Maury, during the exposition months. It has also been thought best to discontinue the Saturday free admission rule from May 1st to November 1st of this year. This does not apply, however, to veterans and daughters of the Confederacy, who will be admitted free of charge on presentation of their badges.

On motion of Mrs. Thomas S. Bock, it was decided to place a donation box on each floor for this year.

Encouraging Reports.

Mrs. J. Taylor Eason, vice-regent of the Virginia room, made her quarterly report. Mrs. George A. Lyon presented a Pocahontas memorial plate, which was received with thanks, and will be deposited in the Virginia room.

Mrs. Kate Pleasant Minor, through Mrs. T. A. Cary, made a most satisfactory report of the work done by her committee in arranging for the successful Leo centennial celebration, held on January 19th.

The ladies of the society were pleased to hear that the city school board is lending its aid to the protection of the museum property by placing a strong and durable fence around the southeast corner of the grounds.

Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, alternate of the North Carolina room, exhibited picture postcards of the Kukulik flag, which hangs in the North Carolina room.

First Arkansas Flag.

Mrs. Decatur Axtell, vice-regent of the Arkansas room, reported that her regent, Mrs. Polk, was very active in sending out notices of the museum and enlisting the aid of her Stateswomen in its work.

Mrs. Axtell's sister, Mrs. Lea, will send a copy of the first Confederate flag of Arkansas, to be placed in the museum. The original flag is too tattered to be kept on exhibition.

Miss Stiles stated that Colonel R. L. Maury had finished in manuscript a history of torpedo-boats, which is deposited in the naval case of the Georgia room. For this and other services, Colonel Maury received the hearty thanks of the society.

Members Present.

One new annual member, Mrs. J. H. Timberlake, was elected to the society.

Ladies present were: Mrs. Alfred Gray, Mrs. A. M. Gwathmey, Miss Katherine C. Stiles, Mrs. James R. Werth, Mrs. J. H. Drake, Miss Betty Elyson, Mrs. W. H. Theodore Elyson, Mrs. J. B. Botten Hill, Miss Minnie A. Baughman, Mrs. W. A. Cronshaw, Mrs. J. H. Timberlake, Miss E. L. Jones, Mrs. C. S. Shelton, Mrs. T. A. Cary, Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Mrs. J. Enders Robinson, Mrs. T. C. Johnson, Mrs. J. Taylor Elyson, Mrs. W. P. Matthews, Mrs. Arthur Robertson, Mrs. S. H. Yonge, Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Mrs. George A. Lyon, Miss Julia Grant, Mrs. W. N. Hamlet, Mrs. W. S. Goetz, Mrs. W. S. Murray, Mrs. Decatur Axtell, Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, Mrs. Thomas S. Bock.

Pleasant Voyage.

A cablegram received in Richmond several days ago states that Mr. Charles L. Eason, a woman whose marriage took place here on March 12th, have arrived in Gibraltar, after a pleasant voyage.

They will remain a short while in Gibraltar, and will again board the steamer to Australia at Naples, where they will spend several days.

Easter Excursion.

A splendid opportunity for visiting Williamsburg and historical points thereabout will be given Richmond people on Easter Monday, when the Industrial Chapter of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will give an excursion to the Colonial capital.

Soon after the arrival of the train in Williamsburg there will be a service in old Bruton Church, when the rector, the Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin, will deliver an address on the "History and Restoration of Bruton Church."

Later in the afternoon dinner at Hotel Williamsburg will be served to all who desire it.

The train will leave the Chesapeake and Ohio Station at 9 A. M. Easter Monday, and returning will arrive in Richmond at 8 P. M. The ladies in charge will make all arrangements for the comfort of the excursionists.

Benefit Entertainment.

One of the altogether useful and helpful features of the program to be given in Smithfield Hall on Tuesday evening, April 2nd, prior to the retreat for the sick, will be the satisfactory solution of the vexatious servant problem.

All housewives are invited to attend and thereby obtain a positive answer to the question of obtaining desirable help.

A genuine African quartette will sing African melodies and a cakewalk by professionalists will be another attractive number. This same quartette has been engaged to sing at Jamestown Exposition and will leave on May 1st for Sewell's Point.

Proceeds of the entire entertainment will go to the charity fund of the

Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

No. 1125.

Ballad.

By THOMAS HOOD.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

It was not in the winter
Our loving lot was cast:
It was the time of roses,—
We plucked them as we passed!

That cheerful season never frowned
On early lovers yet!
Oh! no—the world was newly crowned
With flowers, when first we met.

'Twas twilight, and I bade you go,
But still you held me fast;
It was the time of roses,—
We plucked them as we passed!

What else could peer my glowing cheek
That tears began to stud?
And when I asked the like of Love
You snatched a damask bud,

And oped it to the dainty core
Still glowing to the last:
It was the time of roses,—
We plucked them as we passed!

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

auxiliary which is used in supporting indigent patients at the Retreat for the Sick. During the past year eight patients were given twenty weeks' of free treatment by this means and the auxiliary hopes to greatly enlarge this feature of its work during the present year.

Quiet Home Wedding.

Mrs. George Franklin Merrill has issued cards for the marriage of her daughter Edith Carlton, to Mr. Jesse Foster Roache, of Wilmington, N. C., the ceremony to take place in the home of the bride on the evening of April 4th, at 8 o'clock. Owing to recent bereavement in the family of the groom, only the relatives and intimate friends will be present.

Easter Egg Hunt.

One of the pleasantest social happenings for the little folks scheduled for Easter week is the Easter egg hunt to be given Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Granger lot on Franklin Street, between Shafer and Harrison, under the direction of the Junior Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church.

Nothing but bad weather can interfere with the enjoyment planned for their little guests by the members of the auxiliary. Should the weather be inclement the hunt will be postponed to the next sunny afternoon.

Delicious home-made candy and ice cream will be on sale, and the young ladies ask for the patronage of all their little friends and the co-operation of the parents of St. Paul's congregation in aiding the worthy charity for which the entertainment is given.

Among the ladies who will be present to look after the enjoyment of the children will be: Misses Mary Buford, Laura Rutherford, Elizabeth Weddell, Margaret McGuire, Lou Belle Catesby, Josephine McGuire, and the members of the auxiliary. Should the weather be inclement the hunt will be postponed to the next sunny afternoon.

Pretty Operetta.

All juvenile society of Richmond is agog in anticipation of the presentation of the beautiful operetta, "Red Riding Hood," in Belvidere Hall Easter week. All the children who have not been engaged to form a part of the strong cast that is to present the play, will be on hand as spectators, several attractive matinee parties having been already arranged for the little ones.

About sixty children, in addition to half a dozen adult roles, will take part, and the costumes for the several choruses will be varied and beautiful.

The operetta will be given on Wednesday afternoon, April 3d, at 4 o'clock, and Thursday and Friday evenings, April 4th and 5th, at 8 o'clock. All three performances are under the auspices of the Kato Empire Guild and the Belvidere Memorial Circle, King's Daughters, which work for the Sheltering Arms Free Hospital.

Personal Mention.

Miss Katherine Hagan, of South Third Street, who is a student at Notre Dame College, Maryland, will not return to Richmond for Easter, but will spend the holidays in Baltimore.

Mr. Samuel H. Templeman, formerly of Richmond College, now of Crozer Theological Seminary, Pa., is spending a week visiting old friends here.

Miss Pearl Smoot, of the Woman's College, leaves to-morrow to spend Easter at her home in Carolina county.

Miss Caroline Reynolds and Miss May Carmichael have returned from a visit to Fredericksburg.

Mrs. J. D. Crump has returned from a ten days' stay in New York.

Miss Rosalie Jones will spend Easter as the guest of Miss Katherine Fontaine, at the University of Virginia.

Mrs. William Brandon Rudd has returned to her home in Hampton, after a visit to relatives here.

Mrs. Ida Mehurin and daughter, Miss

Mehurin, of Staunton, are the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. G. W. Stevens, in this city.

Miss Beulah Whitehurst, of Brambleton, Norfolk, is visiting friends here.

Mr. James W. Graves, of this city, attended the hunt and luncheon given yesterday by Mr. W. W. Osborne at his home, "Springfield," near Gordonsville, in honor of the Tomahawk Hunt, of Orange county, and the Keswick Hunt, of Albemarle county.

Miss Mary Simpson, of Stafford county, is the guest of friends here for a few days, on her way home from Asheville, N. C.

Mr. Herbert L. Morris has returned from a visit to friends in Newport News.

Mrs. John Hampton Hoge, of Blacksburg, Va., is undergoing treatment at St. Luke's Hospital. Her sister, Mrs. Tallant, accompanied her to Richmond.

Mr. R. M. Biddgood is registered at the Kavanaugh, Harrisonburg.

The Rev. William McKeeffrey, of Staunton, is spending a short time here.

Colonel W. Miles Cary was a recent visitor to Staunton, where he accompanied Captain T. C. Morton in his official inspection of Stonewall Jackson Camp, Confederate Veterans, of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Newton, of Bristol, Va.-Tenn., are visiting friends here.

Mrs. and Mrs. William Robert Vawter are spending several weeks in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Mr. C. L. Thompson spent Tuesday in Suffolk.

Mrs. George M. Harrison and Miss Rose Harrison, who have been visiting here for some time, have returned to their home in Staunton, and Judge Harrison will follow soon.

Attorney C. O'Connor Goodrick, of Fredericksburg, is in the city on business.

Mr. Frank L. Bulett, of Harrisonburg, Va., is in Richmond.

FIVE NEW CHARTERS.

The Corporation Commission authorizes Business Concerns.

The following charters have been issued by the Corporation Commission: Ellis-Winfree Construction Company (Incorporated), Lynchburg; J. E. Ellis, president; Albert P. B. Winfree, secretary and treasurer, Lynchburg; A. B. Percy, Lynchburg; H. L. Winfree, Lynchburg. Capital: maximum, \$50,000; minimum, \$500. Objects: Construction business.

George E. Barnes Mercantile Company (Incorporated), Azen, L. C. Hassinger, president; L. H. Barnes, secretary; George E. Barnes, treasurer and general manager; J. H. Hassinger, all of Azen. Capital: maximum, \$25,000; minimum, \$5,000. Objects: Mercantile business.

Exposition General Supply Corporation, Norfolk. H. B. Goodridge, president; C. M. Barnett, secretary and treasurer; R. W. Shuttles, all of Norfolk. Capital: maximum, \$25,000; minimum, \$10,000. Objects: Exposition concessions.

Virginia-Kentucky Insurance Corporation, Wise. J. E. Pearce, president, Petersburg; W. B. Patton, vice-president; Wise; E. B. McElroy, treasurer, Wise. Capital: maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$2,000. Objects: Insurance.

The Florence L. Page Visiting Nurse Association, Hanover county. Florence L. Page, Thomas Nelson Page, Rosewell Page, Ruth Nelson Page, Bryan Lathrop. No capital stock. Objects: Charitable and literary association.

WILL MEET IN RICHMOND.

Date Fixed for Convention of Insurance Commissioners.

The executive committee of the National Association of State Insurance Commissioners has selected this city for its next meeting place, and has fixed Tuesday, September 17th, as the date.

Colonel Joseph Button, who is the Virginia commissioner, is a member of the executive committee, and it was through his influence at the last convention held in Washington that the body was induced to meet here.

The arrangements for the meeting will be left largely to Colonel Button. The convention will be held at the Jefferson Hotel, and will probably last for three days. A dinner or banquet will likely be served, and the members will be taken to the Jamestown Exposition by the James River route.

Commissioner George H. Adams, of New Hampshire, is president of the association, and Commissioner Folk, of Tennessee, a brother of Governor Folk, of Missouri, is vice-president.

Real Estate News.

There was considerable activity in real estate circles yesterday, but if any large sales were made the agents do not consider them reportable yet. All the agents report increased inquiry for small houses and for the cheaper grades of lots on which to erect small dwellings.

The following auction sales are announced for to-day: By B. A. Catlin,

W. B. Reduse corsets

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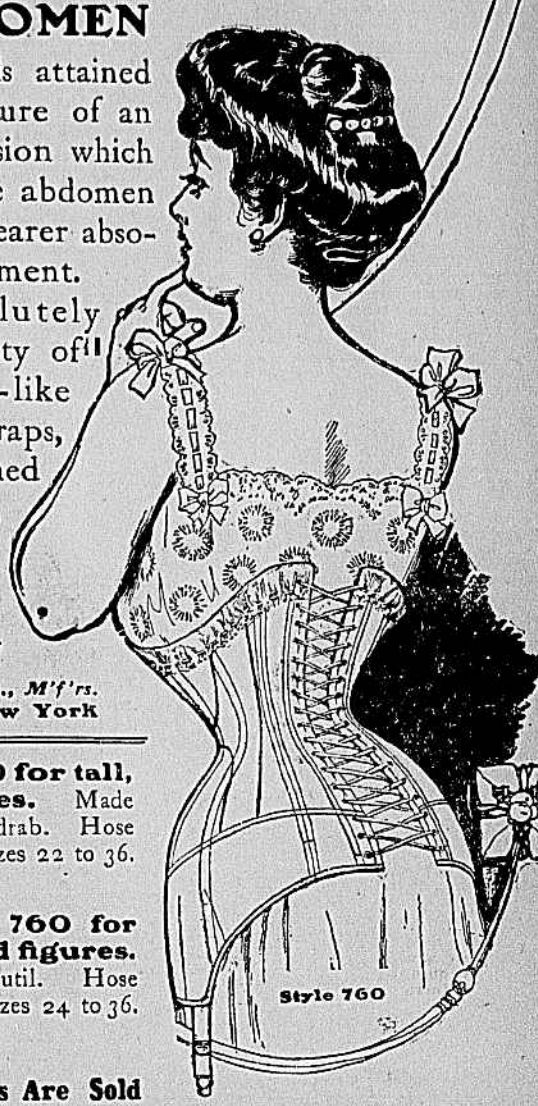
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HEAR ARGUMENT IN RATE MATTER TO-DAY

Lawyers Appeared Yesterday and Put in Additional Evidence.

The two-cent passenger rate matter, which has been pending for months before the State Corporation Commission, seems to be nearing a close, and a decision on the part of the commission is expected in a few days.

Counsel for all the railroads involved were before the body yesterday, as were also Attorney-General Anderson, for the State, and Hon. Allen Caperton Braxton, for the Travelers' Protective Association.

The lawyers filed additional documentary evidence, and spent about three hours in conference with the commission on matters relating to the case.

An adjournment was taken at 2 o'clock until 11 o'clock this morning, when it will be determined whether or not there will be arguments. It seems quite likely that the attorneys will agree to submit the case without any extended argument, though they may make some brief general statements to the commission.

It is believed that whatever may be the decision of the commission, the case will finally land in the United States Supreme Court for ultimate adjudication. It is one of great interest and moment to the people of the State, and a final decision will be eagerly awaited.

Practically all of the prominent railroad attorneys in Virginia are engaged in the case, and a large number of them were present yesterday. Among those who attended yesterday's session were Messrs. R. B. Tunstall, of the Southern; William H. McIlwaine, of the Chesapeake and Potomac; William H. White, of Norfolk and Southern; W. J. Leake, of Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac; L. H. Cooke, of Norfolk and Western; Henry T. Wickham, of Chesapeake and Ohio.

If argument shall be gone into to-day, it is not likely that all the attorneys will speak. It is quite probable on the other hand, that Messrs. Wickham and McIlwaine will make the principal addresses for the companies.

Treasurer Pace has received another supply of dog medals. The demand was so great this year that the supply ran out.

Deputy-Treasurer Phillips said yesterday that 4,600 licenses had been issued so far for the year, as against 3,255 last year. This increase is chiefly due to annexation.

The number of single-horse wagon licenses issued last year was 1,850, while 1,809 have been issued up to date for this year, while two-horse teams last year numbered 698, and this year to date, 604.

The treasurer suggests that all who have not secured licenses, do so now, in order to avoid trouble.

Shriners to Meet.
Acacia Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will meet tonight, in Marine Temple, at which time all candidates on hand will be given "instructions" and shown the wonder of their mystery. The occasion will be the celebrating of the festival of one of the patron saints and the return of the grand lodge to Africa. The ceremony will begin at 8 o'clock.

CHARGED WITH STEALING DIAMONDS

Young Man Says He Found Diamond Ring—Others Say It Was Not Lost.

In the Mayor's Court this morning the case of James Jennings, a young white man, charged with the theft of a \$100 diamond ring from Mr. A. S. Reinach's daughter, was continued until Tuesday, April 2d, at the request of the accused, who claims to have found the ring, which was recovered with a pair of gold cuff buttons, said to have been stolen from H. K. Hooper. The ring is said to have been stolen while Jennings was working as a paper hanger at Mr. Reinach's house last September, and was recovered by the police from a young lady to whom Jennings had presented it.

The committee took the very opposite stand with reference to the license tax on architects, and fixed the amount at \$10 flat, which is the minimum under the statute. Members of the body listened to the appeals of the money-lenders, but they did not seem disposed in the end to feel that they were entitled to any great consideration. They, therefore, fixed the tax at the highest figure to which they were permitted to go under the State law. The laying of a license tax of \$300 a year on private bankers, and the laying down of the architects at \$10 a year is considered by the members of the Finance Committee as in the interest of business.

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PROSPECTIVE VOTERS MUST PAY UP TAXES

In accordance with the law on the subject, the city treasurer is now ready to issue receipts for capitation taxes paid by all voters who wish to vote at the fall elections.

The tax must be paid for 1905 before the 5th of May, in order that one may vote in November.

PRIVATE BANKERS GET A HARD KNOCK

License Tax Is Placed at \$300, While Architects Come Off Easy.

Private bankers in this city are to pay heavy taxes as a result of assessments made Monday night by the Finance Committee. Strong lawyers appeared before the committee and asked that the money-lenders be "let down easy," but on the motion of Mr. Mills the license tax was placed at \$300, which is the maximum tax, and just double the present license tax.

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